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Application No.: 10/799,908

Filing Date: March 12, 2004

Title: ELECTROSURGICAL APPARATUS AND  
METHODS FOR TISSUE TREATMENT  
AND REMOVAL

Examiner: Benjamin Huh

Art Unit: 3767

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references that are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue there from.

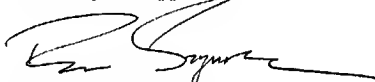
These citations do not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims, but rather only constitute the closest art of which Applicants are presently aware.

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If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.391.3961.

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